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Economic Development

City of Elberton and Downtown Development Authority



- Elbert Theatre (2000-2006) Equipment \$165,000
- Jones Building (2008-2009)
 - \$700,000
 - Three Retail Store Fronts
 - Four Apartments (\$200,00) Oct 2018
- Arts Center (2014-2015)
 - \$590,000
- Hotel 27 Room Boutique Hotel
 - \$5.1 Million
 - Opened March 2017
- Purchase of Bailey Building \$35,000

Retail Store Front

Apartments – Possible partnership with Athens Tech for Student Housing

12 New Businesses (within the last 1 and half) 3 more within the next few months

Elbert Memorial Hospital

- Became independent hospital on March 1st
 - Employed GYN and General Surgeon
 - Rebuilding critical relationships around GA
 - GHA, HTH, SORH, Legislators, Locally, etc.
- \$750,000 State Office of Rural Health Grant
 - 1 of 4 Hospitals in the state to receive
 - Will be used for new equipment and minor renovations to enhance revenue growth
- \$1.054 Million Rural Hospital Tax Credits
 - Lost \$1.3 Million due to state cap
 - Will be used for operations and new equipment to enhance revenue growth
 - Newest part of hospital built in 1980's
- Added Services to keep healthcare local and long-term
 - 3D Mammography
 - Newer OR equipment
 - Telemedicine Grant in process for access to specialists such as Neuro and Psych
 - Increase Orthopedic presence and surgeries









- Emergency Services 24/7 physician staffed emergency room and hospitalist services
 Inpatient Care
 Intensive Care Unit
 Laboratory
 Outpatient Services
- Radiology Services Rehabilitation Services Surgical Services Wellness Center •





Athens Technical College

Elbert Campus

9 Different Programs of study offered

Accounting

Cosmetology

Emergency Medical Technician

Medical Assisting

Welding

Commercial Truck Driving

Diesel Equipment Technology

Industrial Systems Technology

Practical Nursing (LPN)

Three Different Educational Options

Associate Degree

Diploma

Technical Certificate of Credit

- New Science Mega Lab \$800,00 to 1 Million investment
- Agricultural Studies Building 8.5 Million investment
- CDL Driving Range Project \$500,00 investment
- Enrollment is up 25% +
- Over 70 High School Students have enrolled in Dual Enrollment this semester
- Over 30 counties are represented on the Elbert Campus



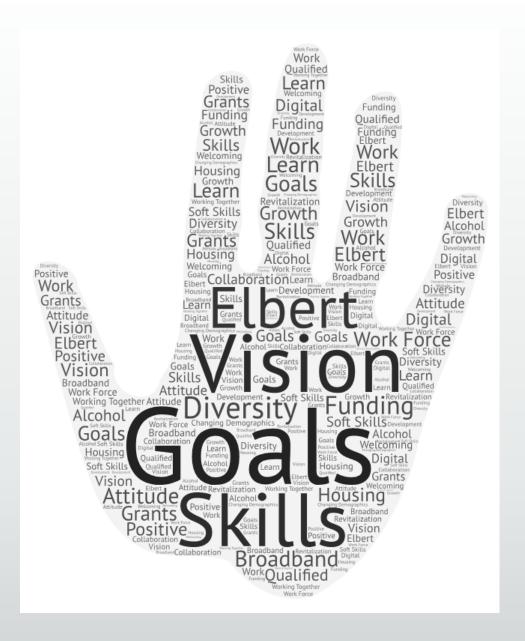
Partnerships and Collaboration



Collaboration is Key

- Main Street, Chamber of Commerce, City Council and Downtown Development Authority
 - Joint Events
 - Tourism efforts
- Athens Technical College, Chamber of Commerce, Main Street
 - Lunch and Learns
 - Leadership Academy
- Athens Technical College and Elbert Comprehensive High School
 - Dual Enrollment
 - Job Preparedness
- Elbert Memorial Hospital, Elbert Memorial Hospital Foundation and Elbert Partners for Health
 - EPH was awarded \$100,000 to implement the first years Community Health Improvement Plan
 - Made up of over 38 Community Partners
 - Three Initiatives
 - Nutrition and Wellness
 - Educational Success and Job Preparedness
 - Substance Abuse/Mental Health
- Elbert County Board of Commissioners and Elbert Partners for Health Board of Commissioners awarded EPH \$15,000 toward drug and alcohol education initiatives

CHALLENGES



Broadband – City and County wide coverage.

Work Force – Qualified Work Force Soft Skills Drug/Alcohol

Changing Demographics – Aging population
Outflow of young adults/inflow of older adults

Housing – Lack of housing/rental property
Limited housing options

Attitude – Positive mindset Welcoming mindset

Diversity – We can learn from one another, but first we must have a level of understanding about each other in order to facilitate collaboration and cooperation

Questions

